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SUBJECT: REMARKS BY GOG MINISTER HOYTE AT LINDEN 8/31/74 CON-
CERNING REYNOLDS NATIONALIZATION

BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED.

1. THE FOLLOWING ARE QUOTED REMARKS BY THEN MINISTER OF
WORKS AND
COMMUNICATIONS H. DESMOND HOYTE AT POLITICAL RALLY IN LINDEN
ON 8/31/74. THEY WERE REPORTED IN PNC NEWSPAPER
NEW NATION
OF 9/7/74:

QUOTE A CRUCIAL BATTLE IS ABOUT TO BE JOINED. I REFER TO THE
IMPENDING
NATIONALIZATION OF REYNOLDS GUYANA MINES. IT IS
TRUE THAT WE OVERCAME THE TURMOILS AND DIFFICULTIES WHICH
BESET US WHEN WE NATIONALIZED DEMBA. IT IS TRUE THAT WE
HAVE SINCE DEMONSTRATED TO THE WORLD THE ABILITY OF
GUYANESE TO OPERATE THIS LARGE, COMPLEX INDUSTRY EFFICIENTLY.

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HOWEVER LET US NOT DELUDE OURSELVES THAT THE OWNERS OF REYNOLDS AND
THEIR GOVERNMENT WILL NOT SEEK TO THWART OUR

EFFORTS. YOU WILL REMEMBER HOW IN 1971 WE WERE
SUBJECTED TO SAVAGE PRESSURES AT HOME AND ABROAD. YOU WILL
RECALL HOW, EVEN HERE AT LINDEN, INDIVIDUALS
WELL KNOWN FOR THEIR IMPECUNIOSITY SUDDENLY BECAME
AFFLUENT: SUDDENLY BECAME EXPERTS ON THE BAUXITE INDUSTRY;
SPREADING RUMOURS OF DISASTER. YOU WILL RECALL HOW THEY
ORGANIZED AND SOMETIMES LED DEMONSTRATIONS. YOU WILL RECALL,
TOO, HOW SO MANY OF OUR COMRADES SUCCUMED TO SUBVERSIVE
ACTIVITIES AND WHAT TROUBLE AND CONFUSION RESULTED.

IN TACKLING THE INTERNATIONAL CARTELS WE ARE DEALING WITH
RUTHLESS PEOPLE- PEOPLE WHO PLAY NO RULES; PEOPLE WHO ACCEPT
NO CONVENTIONAL MORALITY. WE WILL NEED THEREFOR GREAT
UNDERSTANDING, GREAT COURAGE AND GREAT SKILL AS WE JOIN
BATTLE. THE PRESSURES, I BELIEVE, WILL BE GREATER AND CRUDER THAN
THOSE WE EXPERIENCED IN 1971. THIS IS ALL THE MORE REASON
WHY THE PARTY MUST BE ORGANIZED TO MOBILISE OUR PEOPLE AND TO
GIVE THEM EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP WHICH WILL BECOME NECESSARY FOR
SURVIVAL AND VICTORY. END QUOTE. END UNCLASSIFIED.

2. THIS IS STRONGEST PUBLIC WORDING YET OF REYNOLDS ISSUE. DCM
WHO WAS PRESENT (AND WHO HOYTE KNEW WAS PRESENT) RECALLS
DIFFERENT AND EVEN STRONGER PHRASEOLOGY TO PORTIONS OF
LARGELY READ SPEECH, IMPLYING EARLIER THAT TEXT QUOTED HAS BEEN
REVIEWED AND MODIFIED TO REFLECT OFFICIAL PNC (AND PRESUMABLY
GOG) POLICY, OR THAT HOYTE CHANGED TEXT EXTEMPORANEOUSLY TO
REFLECT EVEN HARSHER LINE. WE DO NOT RPT NOT, HOWEVER, KNOW
WHETHER TEXT OF SPEECH HAD BURNHAM'S PRIOR APPROVAL.
IINTEMPERATE REMARKS AGAIN POINT OUT DIFFICULTIES WE CAN
EXPECT IF HOYTE PLAYS MAJOR ROLE IN NEGOTIATIONS. THIS LIKELY TO
HAPPEN IF TALKS EXTEND TO TIME PERIOD WHEN BOTH
BURNHAM AND RAMPHAL ARE OUT OF COUNTRY.
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